

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application.

By this Preliminary Amendment, Claims 1 and 9 are amended. The amendments clarify the presently claimed invention and place this application into better condition for examination. The claim amendments are supported by the originally filed application, such as, for example, Figure 1.

Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is presented herein.

The Final Office Action dated May 4, 2006 rejected Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 6,528,969 to Tung et al. (Tung). Claims 2-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 6,215,273 to Shy in view of Tung and further in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,501,246 to You et al. (You). Applicant respectfully traverses both rejections for the following reason(s).

Claims 1 and 9 recites a mobile phone charger for charging a mobile phone through a power cord adapter, including, among other features, a power source disposed in a housing unit and electrically connected to a receptacle for electrically charging the mobile phone, *wherein a longitudinal axis of the cigarette lighter adapter and the power source are coaxial relative to each other when the cigarette lighter adapter is connected to the housing unit.*

Applicant respectfully submits that Tung, Shy and You, alone or in any combination thereof, do not disclose or suggest each and every feature recited by Claims 1 and 9 because none of the applied art of record remotely suggests the feature of recites a longitudinal axis of the cigarette lighter adapter and the power source are

coaxial relative to each other when the cigarette lighter adapter is connected to the housing unit. Rather, Tung clearly teaches a longitudinal axis of the connector (31) is perpendicular or orthogonal relative to a longitudinal axis of the batteries (22) and therefore, requires a less streamlined and more "bulky" design. Shy and You fail to cure or otherwise address the above described deficiency of Tung since neither shy or You teaches a longitudinal axis of a connector and a power source being coaxial relative to each other when the connector is connected to their respective housing units.

For the above-provided reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that Tung, Shy and You fail to teach or suggest each and every feature recited by Claim 1 and 9. To qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102, a single reference must teach, i.e., identically describe, each and every feature recited by a rejected claim. To establish *prima facie* obviousness of a rejected claim, each and every feature recited by a rejected claim must be taught or suggested in the applied art of record. M.P.E.P. §2143.03.

As explained above, Tung, Shy and You, alone or in any combination, fail to disclose, teach or suggest each and every feature recited by Claim 1 and 9. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits Claims 1 and 9 are not anticipated by or rendered obvious in view of Tung, Shy and You. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits Claims 1 and 9 should be deemed allowable.

Claims 2-8 depend from Claim 1. Claims 10-15 depend from Claim 9. It is respectfully submitted that these dependent claims be deemed allowable for at least the same reasons Claims 1 and 9 are allowable, respectively, as well as for the additional subject matter recited therein.

Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of both rejections.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, allowance of Claims 1-15, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing docket number 017197-00001**.

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